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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would suggest to the workers or their union to place the matter before the Labour Officer and Government will take necessary action in the matter."

Tuberculosis centres in the City of Madras.

* 1391 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of tuberculosis centres in the City of Madras maintained by the Government;

(*b*) the amount of subsidy given to the Corporation of Madras for maintaining their tuberculosis centres in the year 1952 and what is the number of centres maintained by them; and

(*c*) the total number of patients treated outside and the in-patients admitted in the year 1952?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) One, Sir.

" (*b*) No subsidy was given to the Corporation by the Government for maintaining Tuberculosis clinics. But a subsidy of Rs. 12,500 is being paid to the Corporation of Madras for the maintenance of the Tuberculosis Hospital, Konnur High Road, maintained by the Corporation.

In the year 1952, the Corporation of Madras maintained one Tuberculosis hospital and five Tuberculosis clinics.

" (*c*) In the year 1952, 981 patients received in-patient treatment and 30,022 patients received out-patient treatment in the Tuberculosis institutions in the City of Madras."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, since the number of tuberculosis hospitals and clinics maintained is too meagre to meet the demands of the patients in Madras, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that in many cases the cards for admission are sent to patients after they reach their graves? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is true we have a fairly long list of waiting patients. The Government have at Tambaram a big sanatorium which is admittedly the biggest in this country and we are maintaining a Tubeculosis institute at Egmore for out-patient treatment."

Aid to Christian Backward Classes.

* 1392 *Q.*—SRI ANTONY PETER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether all the economic and educational facilities enjoyed by the Hindu Backward Classes are extended to Christian Backward Classes; and

(*b*) if not, why not?